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PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS EXAMINING BOARD

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 216 AQUARIUS DRIVE, SUITE 319 HOMEWOOD, AL 35209 FEBRUARY 24, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. on February 24, 2022. The following, Board members were present: Scotty Winfrey, Chairman; Janice Warren, Secretary; Bobby Bulloch, Henry McCoy, Isadore Gardner, and Charles Owenby. Phillip Guthrie joined the meeting virtually at 2:15 pm. Staff members present were James Morgan, Executive Director, Kimberly Holifield, and Kristin Ivy. Neva Conway, Deputy Attorney General, was also present. Others present were Chase McGalliard, Larry Durham, Jason Reid, Veronica Cole, Dennis Dean, Darrell Bell, Scott Dean, J. Roberts, Ann Marie Stanford, Chuck Robinson, Robin Cooper, Paul McLamb, Ben Romine, and Wrendon Davis, but left the meeting at 3:20 pm. Bobby Bulloch also left the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Meeting recessed at 3:20 pm and reconvened at 3:30 pm

B. <u>Declaration of Quorum</u>

A quorum was declared with 6 Board members present at 2:10 pm on February 24, 2022.

C. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. November 18, 2021, and December 2, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Winfrey called for review of the November 18, 2021 and December 2, 2021 board meeting minutes.

Mr. Bulloch moved to accept the November 18, 2021 and the December 2, 2021 minutes as written. Ms. Warren seconded. The motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

A. HB336 Amendments

Jason Reid presented amendments to HB336.

Mr. Izzy moved to move forward with the amendments to HB336. Mr. Bulloch seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

B. Spire Alabama/John Roberts

John Roberts is seeking clarification on whether students who were already enrolled in their training program prior to its approval will be eligible for the 1 year off the required 2-year apprenticeship.

Mr. Bulloch moved approve the request to allow students enrolled in the program prior to its approval will be eligible for the 1 year off the required 2-year apprenticeship. Mr. Gardner seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

C. Devlon Blakenship

Mr. Blakenship sent in request seeking approval to take the Journeyman Plumber Exam based on his verifiable experience.

Mr. Gardner moved to allow Mr. Blakenship to take the Journeyman Plumber exam based on verifiable documentation of his experience. Ms. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

D. Joshua Carter

Mr. Carter sent in a request seeking approval to take the Journeyman Plumber Exam based on his verifiable experience.

Ms. Warren moved to allow Mr. Carter to take the Journeyman Plumber exam based on verifiable documentation of his experience. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

D. Matthew Barnes

Mr. Barnes sent in a request seeking approval to take the Journeyman Plumber Exam based on his verifiable experience.

Mr. Gardner moved to approve Mr. Barnes to take the Journeyman Plumber exam based on verifiable experience. Mr. Owenby seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

E. Jeremy Hearn

Mr. Hearn sent in a request seeking approval to take the Journeyman Gas fitter exam based on his verifiable experience.

Mr. Gardner moved to deny Mr. Hearn to take the Journeyman Gas Fitter exam due to lack of verifiable experience. and he has not been working under a master gas fitter. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

F. Jordan Holloway

Mr. Holloway sent in a request seeking approval to take the Journeyman Plumber exam based on his verifiable experience.

Mr. McCoy moved to allow Mr. Holloway to take the Journeyman Plumber exam based on verifiable documentation of his experience. Mr. Owenby seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

G. Bruce Smith

Mr. Smith sent in a request to have his Master Plumber Gas Fitter certification reinstated.

Mr. Guthrie moved to allow Mr. Smith to reinstate his Master Plumber Gas Fitter Certification contingent upon payment of all fees ordered by the ALJ. Ms. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting.

IV. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement

Mr. Winfrey called for review of the January 31, 2022 financial statement.

Mr. Gardner moved to accept the January 31,2022 financial statement. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting. Mr. Bulloch was no longer at the meeting.

V. INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE

A. <u>Investigative committee report</u>

The committee reports of the Investigative Committee were given by Ms. Warren. The investigative Committee reviewed 13 cases. The committee opened 6 cases with probable cause, opened 1 uncertified contractor case with probable cause, and closed 6 consumer complaints with no probable cause.

Mr. Owenby moved to accept the report given by the Investigative Committee, Mr. Gardner seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all remaining Board members voting.

B. Consent Agreements & Consumer Complaints

The Board voted to close 4 licensed contractor cases. Detail listing attached.

Mr. Gardner moved to close the 4 licensed contractor case. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all remaining Board members voting.

VI. REPORT ON FEES WAIVED

A. Waiver of fees

A Total of 13 licensees were approved for waiver of annual fees and penalties.

Ms. Warren moved to accept the approval of the waiver of annual fees and penalties. Mr. Owenby seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all remaining Board members voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kimberly Holifield Pay Increase

The Board discussed a yearly 5% pay increase for Kimberly Holifield

Mr. Gardner moved to grant Kimberly Holifield a yearly 5% increase; Ms. Warren seconded. Motion carried unanimously with all remaining Board members voting.

B. Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be May 19, 2022

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Warren moved to adjourn. Mr. Gardner seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. on February 24, 2022.

Scotty Winfrey, Chairman

Phillip Guthrie, Vice Chairman

Janice Warren, Secretary